

# TURKS REGARD REVERSE AT CTESIPHON AS OMEN

Constantinople Press Sees in It Signs That British Rule in East Is Endangered.

## GREAT CELEBRATION IS HELD

No Other Military Success Could Produce Such Effect on Minds of People as Ottoman Victory on Banks of the Tigris.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 15.—The Constantinople press refers to the reverse of the British at Ctesiphon, near Bagdad, as an omen that British rule in the east is endangered. No military success of the central power group in the east or west, it is argued, could have produced the effect upon the eastern mind that was produced by the Ottoman victory on the banks of the Tigris. The British, it is believed, reckoned that the capture of Bagdad would be of no small importance in supporting the prestige of their flag in the east, and the failure to reach the city, which is sacred to all Moslems, has, of course, had the contrary effect.

Ctesiphon, which is several hundred miles up the Tigris from the Persian Gulf, where the British expedition began operations more than a year ago, is famous for the number of decisive battles that have been fought there, and the Turk, not wholly immune from superstition, thus regards the recent British defeat as all the more significant. According to Ottoman sources of information, the British losses in this battle were seventeen colonels, 290 other officers and 5,000 men killed, and at least as large a number wounded. General Townshend, the British commander, himself is said to have been severely wounded. Much war material and several river craft and transport barges were also captured by the Turks.

When the news of the battle of Ctesiphon reached Constantinople, the city was decorated with flags and bunting as never before. For once the Turk emerged fully from his lethargic state and celebrated on an elaborate scale.

## UNDERTAKING IS LEFT TO SECOND CALIPH

It had been Mohammed's intention, six centuries ago, to take the "White Palace" of Ctesiphon, but he did not live long enough to lead his Arab hordes against this Persian stronghold. The undertaking was left to the second caliph, Omar, whose commander-in-chief, Saud, defeated the Persians, under Rustem, at Seleucia, on the right bank of the Tigris River, so decisively that a few months later Emperor Jastegard, last of the Sassanide Kings of Persia, also lost Ctesiphon, the twin city across the river and wide stream. Thus fell "Madinah" as the Arabs fitly called Seleucia and Ctesiphon—the "Twin City." So far Madinah had been distinctly Persian in every respect. The Moslem faith now replaced the mixture of fire worship and Zoroastrianism.

Seleucia and Ctesiphon, under the Persians, had been the jewels of the Tigris Valley, materially and intellectually. The fertile soil of the district yielded crops in profusion, and in the city carpet weavers, gold and silver-smiths and armors were thriving in prosperity. Though Persian in religion, the people were under the influence of the later schools of Greek philosophy, and one of the last groups in which the high development of thought was forcibly supplanted by the eastern dogma of early Islamic creed.

Saud, as he stood on the place where a few hours before had been the throne of the Sassanides, turned his face in the direction of Mecca and cited a verse from the Koran, which for many centuries was not without meaning to Seleucia and Ctesiphon: "How many gardens have they left, And springs and crops? How many a place of pleasure Serving their delight. I (God) gave them to another people, And neither Earth nor Heaven weeps."

## BOOTY ONE OF GREATEST OF ALL ANTIQUITY

The booty which the Moslem conquerors of the twin cities took was one of the greatest of all antiquity. About 600,000 Arab warriors took part in the assault upon Ctesiphon. The share of each in currency, precious metals and jewels was worth 12,000 silver drachmas, after a fifth of the loot had been

set aside for the caliph and his treasury, and another fifth for the widows and orphans of the soldiers who had fallen in the campaign.

Before the Arabs left Ctesiphon they set the "White Palace" afire, after removing every object of value, among them the largest Persian silk carpet on record. The carpet was about 300 yards long, 100 yards wide, made entirely by hand, and it pictured a garden.

The birds woven into the carpet had been fashioned of precious stones, as were also the flowers. Saud decided to present the carpet to the caliph, but Omar was an ascetic of the most

extreme type. When he saw the splendid example of the silk-knitters' art he merely said: "What shall I do with this handiwork of these devil-worshippers? divide it among the leaders of the troops?"

The splendid carpet was hacked to pieces.

During the recent battle between the Ottoman troops and the British, the remains of the "White Palace," splendid even in their ruined state, as a number of large photographs in the Stamboul Museum show, were further devastated by the Turkish and British artillery fire. The extent of the damage is still unknown, but it brings to mind a verse from an epic poem which

the Persian poet Firdusi composed on the fall of Ctesiphon: "In the imperial palace at the gate, The spider, chamberlain by fate, Draws shut the curtain; While in Efrasiab's royal halls Sounds weird war music of the owls."

## CITIES BUILT TO TAKE

Seleucia and Ctesiphon were built to take the place of Babylon, which latter city fell rapidly into decay after the death of Alexander the Great. Seleucia itself was founded by Seleucus, son of Alexander's favorite general, Antiochus. The building material was furnished by the ruins of the wonder city, Babylon.

For many years the left bank of the Tigris, opposite Seleucia, was the site of splendid gardens and fertile fields. Meanwhile the Parthian dynasty of the Sassanides had again made Persia a powerful state. Seleucia lay on and commanded the main road from Syria to Persia and India, and the Sassanides therefore decided to counteract the existence of its very important strategic base by taking the left bank of the Tigris and founding there the city and fortress of Ctesiphon.

The new city grew rapidly. It is said that when Saud took it it had over 1,000,000 inhabitants, while the population of the territory, north, east and south of it, numbered no less than

3,500,000. Plenty of water from the Tigris and a most fertile soil, two essentials which in the hot climate of Central Southwest Asia, produced great agricultural wealth, made this aggression possible. German capital and engineering are employed to-day to drive the encroaching desert back and re-establish once more the prosperity of the district enjoyed before Saud came with his fanatic swarms of Arabs.

The present population of the Basra region, of which Ctesiphon is the center, is no more than 1,500,000, Bagdad included. It is said to have once been 10,000,000, but the decrease has in no way affected the strategic importance of the district. Though the political

effect of the taking of Bagdad by the British would have been far-reaching in results detrimental to the Turks, capture of the city would have effectively blocked the road to Persia and India.

Bagdad is the one city which is known to every Moslem throughout the world; Mecca, in fact, occupies no greater place in Islamic thought and literature. Had the British been able to announce that Bagdad was theirs, they would have had a weighty argument to show that the Caliph of the Bosphorus was no longer the head of Islam.

## The New Spring Garments Are Here

The Cohen Garment Store is filled with Dresses, Suits, Skirts, House Dresses and Waists, that are the newest ideas and best American adaptations from the French models, just arrived from the best fashion centers of the world. See the display on Second Floor Monday.



# Cohen's Store Rings Loud With Splendid Merchandise

We have little chance to go through the various departments and tell the story that can be met with in coming here Monday. The following items are taken premisciously from the different departments, and the remarkable values will prove how the Cohen Store strives to help you.

**New Woolen Checks, 59c Yard.**

These goods are positively the best values, made of hard-twisted worsteds, in 17 different styles—some combination colorings.

**Collar and Cuff Sets, 25c Each.**

Imported Organdies, beautiful embroidery, made in newest styles. Never sold before for less than 50c set.

**Outing Flannel, 7 1/2c Yard.**

The best 10c quality, in light and various pretty designs and colorings. A real bargain for Monday.

**Battenburg Work, 79c Each.**

The highest grade \$1.50 Hand Embroidery work in Scarfs and Centers; extra large size; wonderful values.

**Ladies' Suits, At \$9.50.**

If you have not bought these same Suits at \$18.00 or \$20.00, you can get an excellent Broadcloth, Gabardine and all new materials here Monday at this price.

**Axminster Rugs, \$15.00.**

Various styles and patterns in our regular \$20.00 Axminster Rugs, which are 9x12 feet, are in this sale.

**Luna Lawn, 15c Yard.**

Full forty inches wide, most superb quality, well adapted for Fancy Embroidery work.

**Electric Showers, \$9.50.**

These Showers will be installed in your home complete at this price. Includes solid brass chains and fixtures, four lights.

**\$1.50 Dress Goods for 89c Yard.**

English Tussah Royal, has every appearance of Silk material, made of Mohair and purest worsteds.

**Muslinwear At Only 25c Each.**

The most substantial, both in materials and in the making—Drawers, Corset Covers, Short Skirts and quite a variety of other dainty things.

**Children's Underwear, At 40c.**

One whole counter full of small sizes in Children's Excellent Silk and Wool Underwear. The same quality that sells at 69c a garment.

**Gossard Corsets.**

Priced all the way from \$2.00 to \$12.50. Corsets made to order up to \$35.00. Medical Fittings a specialty.

**Waists At \$1.98.**

Beautiful hand-embroidered, fine quality Crepe de Chine Waists, in white and flesh color. Uncommon values.

**Rag Rugs, 25c Each.**

These Rag Rugs are excellently made of good lasting, hard wearing materials; are 18x36 inches in size. Larger sizes at proportionate prices.

**China At Half Prices.**

One large collection of China, including beautiful plates and pitchers, etc. One counter full of pieces to go at half price.

**Scrim Curtains, \$1.00.**

Almost an endless variety of beautiful Ecru Scrim Curtains, that are wonderful values at this sale price. They are 2 1/2 yards long.

**Best Poplins, 19c Yard.**

Very lustrous, in every desired color that is new and staple. Identical quality that always sells at 25c yard.

**Trousseau Sets, \$7.25.**

Dainty Muslin Underwear of the highest make, embroidered organdy with lace trimmings—set includes gown, petticoat, drawers and corset covers.

**Enameled Tea Kettles, 59c Each.**

High grade Blue and White Enameled Tea Kettles, eight quart size; the usual \$1.25 grade reduced for this sale.

**New White Fabrics, 29c Yard.**

In all the newest fancy materials made this season, satin stripes checks, corded voiles and dozens of others.

**Knit Underwear At 39c.**

Both medium and heavy weight Swiss Ribbed Underwear that has been 59c a garment, will go in this closing out sale Monday.

**Glass Ware, 5c Each.**

Various kinds of 10c Glass Ware, including Celery Dishes, Pickle Dishes, Preserve Dishes, Bowls, Cream Pitchers; all fine quality pressed glass.

**Waists At \$1.00.**

Some fifteen various styles, including several recent arrivals, that are great bargains at this price.

**Black Taffeta, 75c Yard.**

This Taffeta is thirty-five inches wide and carries with it our guarantee as to wearing qualities. No better at the price.

**White Flannels, 25c Yard.**

A Wool Flannel for making Baby Skirts, etc., that is guaranteed not to shrink and to be of the best quality.

**Black and Colored Silks, \$1.00 Yard.**

A large showing of beautiful yard-wide Silk, in all the newest shades, including black, in the Swiss weaves that will be the most popular during the coming season.

**Ribbons, 10c Yard.**

Various lengths in large variety of Silk Ribbons, in colors and Dresden effects; some 6 inches wide.

**Madras Dress Gingham, 10c Yard.**

Double width fabric, from America's best manufacturers, in large variety of colorings, and newest designs.

**Munion Union Suits, \$1.00.**

The best Underwear made in America for men; light and heavy garments. Other Munion Union Suits at higher prices.

**Curtains At \$3.00.**

Ecru Cable Net Curtains, three yards long. One lot at \$2.00 a pair. Both are underpriced.

## The Bargain Basement

Is in high glee over the great quantities of goods shipped recently from various manufacturers. The new fabrics for the coming season at far less prices than they can ever be again. WE TURN THEM OVER TO YOU MONDAY AT THE SMALLEST PROFIT—HERE ARE A FEW OF THE ITEMS AT LESS THAN WHOLESALE COST:

### White Goods

Pajama Checks, yard wide, 5 1/2c.  
Dotted Muslins, yard wide, 8 1/2c.  
Silk-Finish Gabardines, yard, 19c.  
Table of White Crepes, yard, 7 1/2c.  
Seed Voiles, 45 inches wide, yard, 12 1/2c.  
Irish Dimities, various checks, yard, 7 1/2c.  
English Longcloth, yard, 4 1/2c.  
Shirting Madras, good quality, yard, 12 1/2c.  
English Longcloth, 10-yard piece, 59c each.  
40-inch Apron Lawn, high grade, yard, 9 1/2c.  
Large Huck Towels, each, 8c.  
Bleached Table Damask, 58 inches wide, yard, 19c.

### Underpriced Beddings

Seamless Sheets, double-bed size, 51c.  
Single-Bed Sheets, good quality, 39c.  
Pillow Cases, good muslin, each, 6 1/2c.  
Dimity Spreads, 72x90-inch and 81x90-inch, best 1.50, for \$1.00.  
1.25 Crochet Spreads, large sizes, for \$1.00.  
Crochet Spreads, \$1.75 values, for \$1.25.

### Sale of Blankets

White or Gray Blankets, \$1.00 pair.  
Wool Napped Blankets, 11-4 size, \$1.69.  
High Grade Blankets, \$2.00 values, for \$2.49.  
One lot of Blankets, single-bed size, \$7.00 value, for \$5.00.

### Auto Robes

All \$6.50 Auto Robes for \$3.98. All \$8.00 Robes for \$5.00.

### Boys' Clothing

The balance of the Boys' Clothing left from the fall season will be sold at prices that are well worth coming for. Not many of any one kind.

### Basement Specials

Fine Grade Corsets at 59c each; also models for stout women.  
Knit Corset Covers and Drawers, 39c ones, for 19c.  
Children's Rompers, 25c to 35c values; choice, 15c.  
Women's Mercerized Hose, 25c values; best manufacturers' seconds, reduced to 15c pair.  
Women's Best \$1.00 Waists for 65c each.

## Sale of All-Wool Blankets

Just received a purchase of 100 pairs of \$6.00 Wool Blankets, in beautiful plaids, grays as well as all white. These will be on sale Monday in the basement and on the Bargain Square, Main Floor, Center. Choice of any \$1.67.

**New Coats At \$5.00.**

The identical Coats that we have sold this season for \$10.00. Various new styles in shipment just received from a manufacturer at lowest price.

**Handsome Vases, \$2.00.**

These arrived after Christmas, instead of before, when they would have sold for \$3.50 each.

**Petticoats At 98c.**

Very light weight, both black, fancy and striped materials. Wear and look like pure silk. Elastic tops.

**Lady Cloth Or Nainsook, \$1.59 Piece.**

This excellent quality material comes in 12-yard lengths, from the best makers, and is a wonderful value at the price.

**All-Wool Suits At \$19.00.**

None but the best materials in the latest styles and made by the best tailors are in this lot—fur trimmings, etc. Some in this showing sold at \$37.50 a week ago.

**English Serge, 82c Yard.**

All pure wool, 48 inches wide, excellent quality. Never sold before at this price.

**Middy Blouses, 59c Each.**

Made of best quality twill, laced collars; come in both white and colors; any size. On sale in basement.

**Sewing Machines, \$20.00.**

Splendid Sewing Machines, made with the newest drop head arrangement, that meet with our recommendation. Sold on club plan if desired.

**Muslin, 10c Yard.**

Comes in bars and stripes, identical quality that is used for making the best handkerchiefs or waists.

**Virginia Lawn, 25c Box.**

Box of elegant 50c Writing Paper with envelopes. Comes in white and large range of attractive colors. Sale on third floor.

**Corset Covers, \$1.25.**

Excellent quality Crepe de Chine Corset Covers, trimmed with beautiful laces and ribbon drawn. No better ones made at this price.

**O'Cedar Mops, 75c.**

Regular 75c O'Cedar Mops, at the best price obtainable. Also 50c bottle of O'Cedar Polish to go at only 39c each. Two real bargains.

**Diaper Cloth, 69c Piece.**

This 27-inch Birdseye Cloth Comes in 10-yard pieces, put up in sanitary sealed packages. About 100 pieces to go at this price.

**Men's Neckwear, 35c.**

All the Ties, in large full shapes that have been selling at 50c, in best striped and fancy patterns and colors are to go at this price.

**Dresses On Sale At \$10.00.**

These are all \$20 and \$25 Dresses, in combination of fancy Silks and fine woolsens—some with velvets, some embroidered, etc. All entirely new.

**Wash Kid Gloves, \$1.50.**

Highest grade of Imported French Gloves from Grenoble, excellently made, in all sizes. A rare Glove Bargain for Monday.

**Silk Hose, 35c Pair.**

Various Colors, in boot length Hose, with contrasting colored tops; high heels, double soles.

**Counters of Notions, Each 5c.**

Four counters of various kinds and qualities of Notions, that have always sold as high as 10c or more.

**Newest Veils, 25c Each.**

Beautiful new Veils, made with hair lines, and octagon meshes, finished off with Chinelle Dot Borders. Extra value.

**Wilton Rugs, \$40.00.**

The highest grades and best patterns of \$60.00 Royal Wilton Rugs that are made. Size 9x12 feet.

**Table Lamps, \$5.00.**

Made for either gas or electricity. Several counters full of various styles and sizes that are remarkable at this price.

## A SPOONFUL OF SALTS RELIEVES ACHING KIDNEYS

We eat too much meat, which clogs kidneys, says noted authority.

If back hurts or Bladder bothers, stop all meat for awhile.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid, which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood, and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have headache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then assume line. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.